

REPORT TO THE  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
STATE OF HAWAI'I  
2009

PURSUANT TO SECTION 53 OF ACT 213, SESSION LAWS  
OF HAWAII 2007 ENTITLED, "A BILL FOR AN ACT  
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET" REQUIRING THE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO  
SUBMIT AN EXPENDITURE AND PROGRESS REPORT OF  
ITS ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT A STATEWIDE SELF-  
ADVOCACY NETWORK.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The Twenty-Fourth Legislature in its Regular Session of 2007 introduced legislation to appropriate funds for a coordinator and operating expenses to support a statewide self-advocacy network (SAN) of individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) to provide education and training, opportunities to develop leadership skills, and to network with other self-advocacy organizations across the country.

The Legislature passed House Bill 500 House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, Conference Draft 1, entitled, "A Bill For An Act Relating To The State Budget." The Legislature, in its Conference Committee Report (No. 93) indicated that "a total of \$115,255 in general funds over the biennium was also added to the Developmental Disabilities Council to establish and support a statewide self-advocacy network for persons with developmental disabilities." Governor Lingle signed the bill as Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007.

## II. SECTION 53 OF ACT 213/2007

Act 213, Session Laws of 2007, Section 53, included a proviso that required the DD Council to submit a report to the 2008 and 2009 Regular Sessions of the Legislature. The purpose of Section 53 of Act 213 is to require the DD Council to submit an expenditure and progress report on its activities. Section 53 states that, "Provided that of the general fund appropriation for Developmental Disabilities Council (HTH 905), the sum of \$44,618 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the sum of \$70,637 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 shall be expended for a coordinator position and operating funds to support a statewide self-advocacy network for individuals with developmental disabilities; provided further that the program shall prepare a detailed expenditure report including but not limited to a progress report on its activities including performance outcomes; and provided further that the program shall submit the report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2008 and 2009 regular sessions."

### A. Coordinator Position

The Legislature specified that for FY 2007-08, \$44,618 was designated for a part-time temporary Planner IV position and operating funds. Of that amount, \$20,018 was for the Planner position and \$24,600 was for operating expenses to support the SAN. Of the \$70,637 appropriated for FY 2008-09, \$40,037 is for the Planner position and \$30,600 for operating costs. Although the Legislature designated those specific amount of funds for the position, costs for the position will be according to the State's salary rate and Hawaii Government Employees Association Bargaining Unit 13 for a Planner (DD) IV position, Salary Range 22. Current salary rate effective October 1, 2008 is \$45,576 per year.

On September 7, 2007, the Executive Administrator for the DD Council submitted a Position Action Form (HRD-1) with the Position Description for the Planner IV position for approval to establish and fill the position. After discussion with DOH Personnel Office, it was determined that based on the duties and responsibilities described and needed to plan and coordinate self-advocacy programs and activities to establish and support a statewide SAN, it was more appropriate for the position to be a program specialist rather than a planner. As a result, the position was changed from Planner (DD) IV to Program Specialist (DD) IV.

The Program Specialist (DD) IV position was established and approved on April 7, 2008 as position number 118735, full-time, temporary NTE (not to exceed) June 30, 2009. The position recruitment was posted on the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) website <http://www.state.hi.us/hrd/>. Individuals were contacted and one interview was conducted on September 19, 2008.

A list of qualified individuals was submitted to the Executive Administrator. An interview panel established consisting of six self-advocates from the Self Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) and the Executive Administrator. Individuals were contacted and two interviews were scheduled. Only one interview was conducted on September 19, 2008 as the other individual cancelled due to another job opportunity. No one was selected from the interview and another list was received from DHRD on October 20, 2008. The Executive Administrator is in the process of scheduling interviews with the qualified candidates.

## II. Expenditure Report

See TABLE 1 for Expenditure Report.

### 1. Program Specialist (DD) IV Position

For FY 2007-2008, no funds were expended for the Program Specialist position. Equipment and supplies were purchased in anticipation of filling the position. Once the Coordinator position is filled, funds designated for the position will be expended accordingly. The Coordinator will schedule meetings to discuss the development of a plan to provide direction and outline specific activities to establish the SAN. Future activities requiring funds will be for travel to the neighbor islands to provide education and public awareness about the SAN and to recruit self-advocates.

The SAAC has not required any funds during this time period to conduct its meetings. The DD Division has been providing minimal staff support to the existing group of self-advocates by assisting in coordinating the meetings and providing the meeting room.

## 2. Activities

Expenditures for the SAN included air and ground travel, parking and accommodations for the DD Council annual Day at the Capitol event, conference calls, and exhibit table at the Abled Hawaii Artists 2008 event.

TABLE 1  
LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION AND  
EXPENDITURES FOR THE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK

	Appropriation FY 07-08	Expenses FY 07- 08	Appropriation FY 08-09	Expenses FY 08-09 as of 9/30/08
I. Position	\$20,018	-0-	\$40,037	-0-
II. Operating Expenses (Activities-Day at the Capitol Conference Calls, Abled Hawaii Arts)	\$24,600	\$5,658	\$30,600	-0-
III. Equipment and Supplies		\$6,566		-0-
TOTAL	\$44,618	\$12,224	\$70,637	-0-

### III. Activities and Performance Outcomes

A core group of individuals with DD have formed a SAAC and have been meeting over the past year to organize the SAN. Meetings have been to recruit membership, identify officers, discuss a vision, and establish by-laws of the network. The SAAC has been involved in the following activities:

- (1) Elected new officers ((President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms) for 2007-08.
- (2) Conducted monthly meetings on the last Monday of each month at alternate sites (DD Division's Dillingham/Dole Office) and Easter Seals of Hawaii (Ewa) to allow individuals from Leeward and Honolulu areas to participate.
- (3) Completed a draft of the By-Laws. SAAC is waiting for the position to be filled so that individual can facilitate the final approval with the SAAC.
- (4) Gathered information about the process of incorporating the SAAC into a private non-profit [501(3)c] entity.

- (5) Participated in the interview process for the coordinator (Program Specialist) position and on the interview panel. Five of the six panel members belong to SAAC.
- (6) Identified specific activities such as travel to the neighbor islands to conduct education, outreach and training, producing flyers, and a video about self-advocacy.
- (7) Identified specific topics to schedule speakers to address abuse and neglect, dental services, employment, guardianship, Olmstead, self-determination, and transportation services.
- (8) Participated in the DD Council's 9<sup>th</sup> annual Day at the Capitol event on March 19, 2008. Over 300 individuals with DD, family members, and service providers attend this event. Of that number, about 194 were self-advocates. Thirty-two self-advocates and their personal assistants from the neighbor islands were supported through the self-advocacy operating funds. Self-advocates met with legislators and staff, attended the House and Senate Floor Sessions and public hearings, and took a tour of the State Capitol. Discussions included topic areas of dental care services, employment, housing, managed care, respite care, special education, transition, and transportation services.
- (9) Attended the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Pac Rim Conference on April 14-15, 2008 to provide info about SAN to recruit members.
- (10) Participated in the self-advocacy teleconference calls. A National Conversation on Advising Self-Advocacy Groups consisted of three teleconference calls on April 7, May 5, and June 2, 2008. Each teleconference included a 60-minute panel presentation and a 30-minutes Question and Answer discussion. The panel participants included self-advocates and advisors. The first teleconference emphasized the nuts and bolts of the self-advocacy movement. The second teleconference included a presentation and discussion on the Advisor-coach, guide or doer? The third teleconference focused on growing with the self-advocacy movement.
- (11) Attended the Abled Hawaii Artists event held on Sunday, July 27, 2008 at Kapiolani Community College. An exhibit table was provided for SAAC to distribute information about SAN and recruit members.

Overall, the SAAC has been active during the year with its monthly meetings, participating in various events in the community and recruiting additional members. Once the self-advocacy position is filled, SAAC will be finalizing its By-Laws and developing a plan with goals and activities to establish a statewide SAN.